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SUBJ: BOTSWANA' S VISITORS FROM RHODESIA: EDSON SHIRIHURU

REF: GABORONE 0811

1. EDSON N. M. SHIRIHURU, WHO CLAIMS HE WAS DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR PRISONS AND ARMED FORCES IN NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OF RHODESIA' S A. N. C., VISITED EMBASSY ON 24 MAY TO ENQUIRE ABOUT PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING A STUDENT VISA FOR THE U. S. SHIRIHURU SAID HE WAS PUT UNDER DETENTION IN RHODESIA IN 1964 AND THIS WAS CHANGED TO A RESTRICTION ORDER IN DECEMBER 1971. HE LEFT RHODESIA CLANDESTINELY ON MAY 10 AND WAS HELD BY BOTSWANA POLICE IN FRANCISTOWN UNTIL MAY 22.

2. SHIRIHURU STATED THAT THE " DIRECTOR OF A. N. C. EXTERNAL SERVICES" MR. EDDISON ZVOBGO OF 14 WHITTIER PLACE, APT. 330, WALDEN SQUARE RD., CAMBRIDGE, MASS., WAS ARRANGING FOR HIS COURSE OF STUDY IN AMERICA. THE CONSULAR OFFICER INFORMED SHIRIHURU ABOUT THE NEED FOR A FORM I-20 A AND ALSO SUGGESTED HE APPLY FOR A BRITISH SUBJECT' S PASSPORT. SUBJECT INDICATED HE WOULD TAKE CARE OF THOSE DETAILS.

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3. CONSULAR OFFICER ASKED SHIRIHURE IF PRESENCE OF BOTH HIMSELF AND REV. BANANA (SEE REF. TEL) OUTSIDE RHODESIA INDICATED SPLIT IN A. N. C. LEADERSHIP. SHIRIHURU SAID IT DID NOT, AND ADDED THAT A. N. C. HAD DECIDED THAT THE TWO SHOULD GO ABROAD FOR FURTHER EDUCATION AND AS " LEADERSHIP INSURANCE" IN CASE RHODESIA GOVT. SHOULD DECIDE TO BAN A. N. C. AND PLACE ITS LEADERS UNDER EVEN CLOSER SURVEILLANCE. HE SAID THAT HE KNEW OF NO OTHER A. N. C. FIGURES WHO PLANNED TO LEAVE RHODESIA.

4. SHIRIHURU ALSO STATED THAT THERE WAS NO PLAN FOR REV. BANANA AND HIM TO DEPART RHODESIA AT ALMOST THE SAME TIME. HE MENTIONED THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN IN CONTACT WITH BANANA SINCE HIS ARRIVAL IN GABORONE AND ADDED THAT IT WAS UNFORTUNATE THAT BANANA HAS ALREADY LEFT FOR SELEBI- PIKWE. SHIRIHURU DID INDICATE THAT HE WOULD CONTACT REV. BANANA THERE.

5. AIRGRAM FOLLOWS. NELSON

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